

A man in a light-colored suit, white shirt, and dark tie is smiling and holding a white rectangular box in his right hand. He is standing in an office environment with bookshelves and papers visible in the background. The image has a blue tint.

# **Candidate Information 2016**

**MINNEAPOLIS**  
**YourCity.**  
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## CANDIDATE INFORMATION 2016—GENERAL ELECTION RESOURCES

### [vote.minneapolismn.gov](http://vote.minneapolismn.gov)

Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services website

One source for all Minneapolis specific information:

1. Education materials, handouts, references, maps, translated materials
2. Downloadable forms in 10 languages, including voter registration applications and absentee ballot applications
3. Links to the Secretary of State's online tools for voters:
  - Online absentee ballot application
  - Absentee ballot look up (track your absentee ballot)
  - Voter registration look up (check your registration status)
  - Online voter registration
  - Polling place finder (where to vote)
  - My sample ballot

### [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org)

*Minnesota Office of Secretary of State website*

Excellent content and online tools, also linked to from [vote.minneapolismn.gov](http://vote.minneapolismn.gov), but directs voters to Hennepin County for any jurisdiction-specific information. Does not include any information about Minneapolis early/absentee voting locations, hours, etc.

### Additional Resources

- Minneapolis 311 (612-673-3000 from outside of Minneapolis)  
For voters without internet access or who prefer to talk with someone, 311 is an excellent resource. 311 agents have been trained in election basics and are prepared to answer most questions from voters, and can also help voters access the online tools available through the Secretary of State.
- Minneapolis 311 app
  - Android: [tinyurl.com/mplsand](http://tinyurl.com/mplsand)
  - Apple: [tinyurl.com/mplsios](http://tinyurl.com/mplsios)

### Social media

- [www.facebook.com/votempls](https://www.facebook.com/votempls)
- [www.twitter.com/votempls](https://www.twitter.com/votempls)
- [www.youtube.com/cityofminneapolis](https://www.youtube.com/cityofminneapolis)

Email: [elections@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:elections@minneapolismn.gov)

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### VOTER SERVICES

[vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/ASSISTANCE](http://vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/ASSISTANCE)

Limited English acquisition options

- Translated materials available (Hmong, Somali, Spanish for most materials—some materials also in Vietnamese, Russian, Chinese, Lao, Oromo, Khmer, and Amharic)
- Translated signage in polling places, according to identified language needs in an area. Hmong, Somali, and Spanish only
- Bilingual election judges will be present at polling places and during in-person absentee voting, according to identified language needs in the area. Language support officials will be wearing buttons to be easily identifiable locations
- 311: Language support line
- AutoMARK: Ballot read aloud in English

### Reference materials

- Voters may bring any materials including a practice or sample ballot into the voting booth when voting.

### Voter assistance

- Voters may bring a person of their choice to assist them with the voting process on election day and at the early vote centers.
- Individuals assisting voters (excluding election judges) can only physically mark ballots on behalf of a maximum of three (3) voters in each election. (M.S. 204C.15 subd. 1)

*\* Assistance in voting that counts towards the 3 voters per election includes filling in ovals on a ballot; touching or pointing to the ballot; or **being present in the designated voting area** with a voter.*

- Voters may also request assistance in voting, including marking the ballot, from two Election Judges of different political parties.

### Activity in a polling place, including the Early Vote Center

Only authorized individuals are allowed in a polling place. This includes voters, election officials, an assistant of the voter's choice accompanying that voter, and a voter's minor children.

- No political signs, shirts, buttons, or any type of political insignia can be placed, worn, distributed, or brought within 100 feet of polling places.
- No campaigning, loitering, or lingering is allowed near the polling place, including:
  - \* Within 100 feet of the building in which a polling place is located
  - \* Anywhere on public property on which a polling place is situated
- Media:
  - \* Must present photo ID and media credentials to the Head Election judge at a polling place
  - \* May not interfere with the voting process
  - \* Must be six feet away from voters, voting stations, and the ballot tabulator
  - \* Interviews with any voters must be conducted at least 100 feet away from the building where voting is occurring

### On Election Day

Call 311 (612-673-3000) with any issues or concerns.

- All calls are tracked.
- Calls will be forwarded to Elections Headquarters as needed.

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### VOTER REGISTRATION

[vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/REGISTER](http://vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/REGISTER)

Voters are strongly encouraged to preregister before going to vote early, by mail, or on Election Day. It is necessary to register if someone has never voted before, or if they have moved, or changed their name, or last voted before 2012. The deadline for voters to preregister to vote in the General Election on November 8 is October 18. Registration forms need to be received by elections officials by 5 p.m. Online registrations must be entered by 11:59 p.m.

If a voter is not sure if they are registered at their current name and address, they can check their registration status at:

<https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterStatus.aspx>

They will need to enter their first and last name, date of birth, zip code or county, and street address.

Registration can be done completely online, at <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterRegistration/VoterRegistrationMain.aspx>. Voters registering online will need an email address and one of the following identification numbers:

- Minnesota driver's license number
- Minnesota ID card number
- Last 4 digits of social security number

Voters can also complete a paper form and submit it by mail or in person to an elections office. Applications are available in English and 10 additional languages on our website to download and print. They do not need to be printed on special paper or cardstock, but should be printed double sided.

- English
- Español (Spanish)
- Hmoob (Hmong)
- Soomaali (Somali)
- Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese)
- Русский (Russian)
- 中文 (Chinese)
- ພາສາລາວ (Lao)
- Oromo (Oromo)
- ខ្មែរ (Khmer)
- አማርኛ (Amharic)

Applications can also be picked up from Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services in room 201 of City Hall, or from Hennepin County Elections on the Public Service level of the Hennepin County Government Center, as well as in many public buildings, including libraries, park buildings, fire stations, and government service centers. Hennepin County processes all voter registration applications for Minneapolis residents. Submit completed forms by mail to:

Hennepin County Elections  
Hennepin County Government Center  
300 S. 6th Street—Public Service Level  
Minneapolis, MN 55487

-or-

Secretary of State  
60 Empire Drive  
Suite 100  
St. Paul, MN 55103



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### VOTER REGISTRATION—ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION [vote.minneapoliismn.gov/voters/ELECTION-DAY-REGISTER](http://vote.minneapoliismn.gov/voters/ELECTION-DAY-REGISTER)

Voters who are not preregistered can still register when they vote, either at their polling place on Election Day or when voting absentee. The following proof of residence options may be used to register when going to vote on Election Day or early.

#### **Option 1: ID with current name and address**

Accepted IDs: Valid Minnesota driver's license, Minnesota learner's permit, Minnesota ID card—or a receipt for any of these.  
Tribal ID card with name, address, photo, and signature.

#### **Option 2: Photo ID plus a document with current name and address**

*Accepted photo IDs—choose 1 (can be expired)*

- Driver's license, state ID card, or learner's permit issued by any state
- United States passport
- United States Military ID card or Veterans ID
- Tribal ID card with the name, signature, and photo
- Minnesota university, college, or technical college ID card
- Minnesota high school ID card

*Accepted documents - choose 1 (can be shown on electronic device)*

- Residential lease or rental agreement valid through Election Day
- Current student fee statement
- Bill, account, or start of service statement due or dated between Oct. 9, 2016 - Dec. 8, 2016:
  - \* Phone, TV, or internet
  - \* Solid waste, sewer, electric, gas, or water
  - \* Banking or credit card
  - \* Rent or mortgage

#### **Option 3: Registered voter who can confirm your name and address (voucher)**

A registered voter from the same precinct can go with a voter to the polling place and sign an oath confirming the address of the voter needing to register. A registered voter can vouch for up to eight others. Someone who registers when voting can vouch for other voters, unless they were vouched for in order to register.

#### **Option 4: College student ID—if a student housing list was provided**

College students can use a student photo ID card if their college provided a student housing list to election officials.

#### **Option 5: Valid registration in the same precinct**

If a voter was previously registered in the precinct but changed names or moved within the same precinct, the voter only needs to tell the elections official their previous name or address—no additional documentation is required.

#### **Option 6: Notice of late registration**

If a voter preregistered to vote after the preregistration deadline, they may still receive a Notice of Late Registration in the mail. This notice can be used as proof of residence to register when voting.

#### **Option 7: Staff person of a residential facility**

If a voter lives in a residential facility, a facility staff person can go with the voter to the polling place to confirm the voter's address. This is another form of 'vouching.' A staff person can vouch for all eligible voters living in the facility.

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### **ABSENTEE VOTING—EARLY VOTING and VOTE BY MAIL** [vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/ABSENTEE](http://vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/ABSENTEE)

Any voter can choose whether to vote by mail, early by in-person absentee, or in their assigned polling place on Election Day.

#### **Absentee voting timelines:**

General Election: November 8, 2016

Absentee voting starts: September 23, 2016

Early voting times for Minneapolis in-person absentee voting:

- Mon.- Fri., Sept. 23 — Nov. 4, 8 a.m.— 4:30 p.m.
- Mon.-Fri., Oct. 24- Nov. 4, 7 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.
- Sat. Oct. 29, 9 a.m.— 4 p.m.
- Sun. Oct. 30, 12 — 5 p.m.
- Sat. Nov. 5, 9 a.m.— 4 p.m.
- Sun. Nov. 6, 12 — 5 p.m.
- Mon. Nov. 7, 7 a.m.— 5 p.m.

#### **In-person early voting locations:**

Downtown Early Vote Center  
217 S. 3rd Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55401

South Early Vote Center  
Roof Depot Building  
1860 E 28th St.

North Early Vote Center  
Minneapolis Urban League  
2100 Plymouth Ave. N

Northeast Early Vote Center  
Water Bar Building  
2516 Central Ave. NE

All voters casting an absentee ballot must complete an absentee ballot application, including voters who are coming to the in-person early voting location.

Applications will be available at the voting location, or voters may bring a completed application with them to save time.

Voters who are not preregistered can still use early voting prior to the preregistration deadline of Oct. 18. Those intending to vote early are encouraged to check their registration status online prior to voting.

Voters can also follow the same process for Election Day (or same day) Registration used in polling places on Election Day to register when they come to vote.

Organizations or campaigns who plan to coordinate bringing voters to the early voting location are encouraged to be in contact with Elections & Voter Services to share times planned for large groups. This helps ensure appropriate staff levels are on hand to minimize waits for voters.

- Email: [minneapolisabsentee@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:minneapolisabsentee@minneapolismn.gov)
- Date and time(s), contact information, and any special needs such as language assistance

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### ABSENTEE VOTING—EARLY VOTING

[vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/ABSENTEE](http://vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/ABSENTEE)

**NEW IN 2016:** During the final 7 days of absentee voting, who are casting an absentee ballot in-person can choose to insert their ballot directly into the ballot tabulator. (M.S. 203B.081)

For the general election, voters will have this option beginning Tuesday, Nov. 1, through the close of in-person early voting on Monday, Nov. 7 at 5 p.m.

#### Tips for early voting

In order to minimize the time voters will need to spend waiting to vote at the Early Vote Centers, there are three simple steps every voter can take.

#### **STEP #1: VERIFY REGISTRATION STATUS, OR GET PRE-REGISTERED!**

Voters can register—or check the status of their registration—using online tools that are supported by the Secretary of State. It is also possible for voters to register when they come to vote, but it makes the process both faster and easier when voters are preregistered. Up until the preregistration deadline for the primary on October 18, voters can submit their registration online or by paper application in advance of their planned visit to the Early Vote Center. Just point voters to the City elections website for details about registration at: [vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/REGISTER](http://vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/REGISTER)

#### **STEP #2: DOWNLOAD AND COMPLETE THE ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION FORM AND BRING IT TO THE EARLY VOTE CENTER.**

Voters can download and complete the absentee ballot application form in advance, saving even more time in the polls. The downloadable form is also available in a total of 11 languages. To access the request form, use this link: [vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/ABSENTEE](http://vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/ABSENTEE)

#### **STEP #3: USE THE SAMPLE BALLOT AS A QUICK REFERENCE!!**

Using their customized sample ballot to practice, voters can have confidence that they are correctly marking their ballots and complete the entire process without fuss or unnecessary time delays. Each of the 132 precincts in the City of Minneapolis has a different ballot layout, so voters enter their address information when downloading a sample ballot to ensure they have the same ballot they see when they go to vote. They can bring that sample ballot with them to the polling place or Early Vote Center. Voters also have the option to practice premarking that ballot as a reference when they are in the voting booth. Voters can use this link to access their sample ballots: [vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/BALLOT](http://vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/BALLOT)

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### ABSENTEE VOTING—EARLY VOTING and VOTE BY MAIL

[vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/ABSENTEE](http://vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/ABSENTEE)

Voters who want to vote by mail may complete the online application to have a ballot mailed to them along with instructions and a return envelope with the postage already paid to get the ballot back to Elections & Voter Services.

Voters can also complete a paper form and submit it by mail, email, fax, or in person to Elections & Voter Services. Applications are available in English and 10 additional languages on our website to download and print:

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- Hmoob (Hmong)
- Soomaali (Somali)
- Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese)
- Русский (Russian)
- 中文 (Chinese)
- ພາສາລາວ (Lao)
- Oromo (Oromo)
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When voting by mail, if a voter is not preregistered a voter registration application will be sent out with the absentee ballot for the voter to complete and return.

Absentee ballots returned by mail or package delivery service (such as Fed Ex or UPS) must be received by Elections & Voter Services by 8 p.m. on Election Day. Late ballots cannot be counted. There is approximately a 7-day turnaround from applying for an absentee mail ballot to Elections & Voter Services receiving and processing the completed ballot. After Oct. 31, 2016 (7 days prior to the election), it is strongly advised to return your ballot in-person or visit a Minneapolis Early Vote Center Site to ensure your ballot arrives on time to be counted for the general election.

Ballots can be dropped off to Elections & Voter Services at Minneapolis City Hall, Room 201 up until 3 p.m. on Election Day. A voter can return their own ballot or can designate an agent to return their ballot for them. An individual can only act as an agent for a maximum of 3 voters per election. Voters who received an absentee ballot in the mail cannot bring that ballot to their polling place on Election Day to drop it off—absentee ballots can only be returned to Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services at City Hall Room 201. A voter who has received but not yet cast an absentee ballot can go to their polling place and vote there instead.

Voters can view the status of their absentee ballot, from the point of request to being able to see when it has been received and counted. <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/AbsenteeBallotStatus.aspx>

NOTE: Hennepin County Elections also offers in-person absentee voting at their offices on the public service level of the Hennepin County Government Center at 300 S 6th St.

[www.hennepin.us/residents/elections/prepare-vote](http://www.hennepin.us/residents/elections/prepare-vote)



## CANDIDATE INFORMATION 2016 - CANDIDATE COMPLAINTS

**NOTE:** *Complaints of campaign finance or practice violations (M.S. 211A or 211B) are heard by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) in Hennepin County, not by the City of Minneapolis.* To initiate a complaint, a completed form must be filed with the OAH; the matter is then subject to review and possible hearing. Additional information and the appropriate forms are available at <https://mn.gov/oah/self-help/administrative-law-overview/fair-campaign.jsp>.